

MAGNETS STILL DEADLOCKED

IN SPITE OF CONCILIATORY TELEGRAM FROM JOHNSON.

Four Votes Each for Ward and Brown
—Brush Makes a Proposition to Herrmann as to the Point at Issue, but is Ignored—Compromise Rumored.

After taking three ballots at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon the magnets of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs found that they were still deadlocked as to the election of a new president. The standing four clubs for John W. Ward of this city and for Robert W. Brown of Louisville. This was the outcome of four hours heated argument, and at 8 o'clock, as there was no prospect of arriving at a decision, the club owners adjourned until 11:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. During the argument in the star chamber there were several interesting developments. Garry Herrmann of Cincinnati surprised everybody by reading the following telegram sent to him yesterday night by John W. Ward, president of the American League, who was on his way to Chicago from this city at the time the deadlock was reached:

"American League club owners have elected John W. Ward president of the league. I am sure that you and your colleagues that we do not wish to influence or embarrass to the slightest degree your organization in the election of an officer."

Quick to see an advantage John T. Brush of the New York club, who is Ward's strongest advocate, offered the following resolution:

"I move that the telegram received by Garry Herrmann of Cincinnati yesterday evening, which forms a part of the records of our minutes in which he recedes from the position which he advanced several days ago, that he would not sit upon the National Commission in the event that certain individuals were elected president of the National League, be given to all newspapers and press associations."

Brush's resolution was adopted unanimously and the debate as to the merits of the three candidates began in earnest. Brush asked Herrmann and Dreyfus, who are at the head of the Brown combination, to give their reasons for objecting to Ward. Herrmann and Dreyfus, however, refused to do so, saying that they still declined that they could not vote for the Giants' former manager.

Brush then made what seems to be an eminently fair proposition to them. He said that if they would agree to elect a lawyer, the Ward faction would name another and that the legal experts could then make a third; that the objection to Ward, which is understood to be his connection with the various combinations, was withdrawn as a candidate, but that if the lawyers decided in Ward's favor, Herrmann and his friends would have to vote for his election.

Brush's proposition, which was made as the suggestion of Ward, and was ignored, apparently cornered the opposition for a while, and there was a long argument pro and con. Brush pointed out that as Johnson had withdrawn his objection to Ward as a candidate, the National Commission in the event of Ward's election, the biggest money makers in the National League would be in a position to recognize in their advocacy of Ward and that the latter's election meant the recognition of the combination.

The first ballot was cast the result was a deadlock. New York, Chicago, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Boston and Pittsburgh were for Brown.

Johnson was the object of Brush's persuasive argument after that, but the St. Louis manager refused to budge. He said that he would vote for Ward earlier in the day and told John T. Brush that he wanted to vote for him, but that he was obliged to vote for Brown.

Dreyfus held him fast. In the meeting Dreyfus declared positively that he would vote for the man who was elected president of the league and the Ward faction proceeded to take him at his word.

There is no doubt that Brush will stick to his guns. He is ready for a baseball war, but he does not want to force the issue until it is too late. He is moving everything to win over Herrmann and it is rumored that he has secured a guarantee that he would be elected to the National Commission.

Ward said to THE SUN reporter last night:

"Mr. Robinson told me this morning that he wanted to vote for me, but that he did not care to do so until after the election, which would be contrary to the wishes of Herrmann and Dreyfus. I am sure that I had tried repeatedly to secure an interview with them, but that they had evaded me. I always believed that Herrmann was a man of fairness, and I was sure that he would do the right thing. I am sure that he will do so."

Johnson's telegram to Herrmann was a surprise. It was a conciliatory move, but it was ignored. The American League president, they said, had appeared his own club owners, they invited, and had also appeared at the meeting of the National Commission. They said that they had declined to answer questions and declined to talk at all; that they sat and waited while Brush and Dreyfus argued until 11:30 o'clock, and then they went home.

If such tactics are employed to-day it will be no wonder that not much business will be done.

The nomination of Brown of Louisville has caused all kinds of speculation. It was not until last night that he had been brought forward by Herrmann for private reasons. It was then that the National Commission was called into being. Brown had appeared his own club owners, they invited, and had also appeared at the meeting of the National Commission.

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SOME FRESHMEN THREE.

They Beat Columbia Sophomores in Case Specified and Took Honors in Second Round.

The Columbia sophomores met a bitter defeat at the hands of the freshmen yesterday afternoon when the first year men won four of the seven bouts of the interclass cane sprints, and therefore gained the right to wear hats, smoke pipes, and carry canes on the campus after Washington's Birthday.

It doesn't happen very often that the second year men lose the prerogative of lording it over the freshmen before the first of the year. The Columbia freshmen were pretty well pleased with themselves last night. They had a triumphal march that would have done credit to the army. They were dressed in the latest in military costume, and they were in the best of spirits.

On the way back just as they were coming into the university grounds at Broadway and 118th street a band of sophomores got together and tried to muss up the freshmen. The freshmen were not to be frightened. They fought back and cleaned up the second year men the second time.

The freshmen of the university gymnasium and in general character were not quite as rough as some of the sophomores. They were a lot of fun, and they were in the best of spirits. They were a lot of fun, and they were in the best of spirits.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

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HARVARD COACHES.

Houghton Severe in Football, Pieper Likely in Baseball.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—Harvard's athletic circles have been unnecessarily stirred up by the news that the football and baseball coaches were under way. The first was that the coming to Cambridge of Houghton as head coach of the football team, and the second, that Dr. E. N. Nichols was to be seriously considered as the coach for the Harvard baseball team, succeeding Louis Pieper, who has coached the nine the last three years.

It is authoritatively stated that neither of these reports is correct. There is no plan on foot among the football men of Harvard to have any man other than Houghton as coach of the eleven next fall. Houghton has as yet given no definite statement regarding his plans for next season, but it is understood by all concerned in Harvard football that he will coach in 1910.

In the matter of Dr. Nichols being in line to coach the baseball team again nothing is known. Dr. Nichols has been the coach of the Harvard team either actively or as an adviser from 1906 through 1908, but he has since then been in the line to do any more coaching.

The reports that there is a possibility that Dr. Nichols will assume the responsible position of baseball coach at Harvard again, he said, are in no degree true. I have no intention of coaching or being considered as a candidate for such a position.

Tuesday the athletic committee of Harvard met to act on the baseball schedule for 1910 and also to act on the question of the new head coach. Pieper, the coach in 1907, 1908 and 1909, was not reappointed owing to the fact that the committee had decided to have a new coach. There has been opposition to Pieper being coach again for the last two years, and it is not likely that he will be the eventual choice of the committee.

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AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

WORCESTER ENDURANCE RUN IS POSTPONED.

President Coghlin Says Manufacturers and Dealers Are Short of Cars and Event May Be Declared Off—New Rochelle Clubmen Subscribe \$4,000.

Endurance contests in cold weather do not appear to be as popular with automobile manufacturers and dealers as they have been in former years, and as is proved by the abandonment some weeks ago of its annual midwinter event by the Quaker City Automobile Club, and the postponement and probable abandonment of the endurance contest which the Worcester Automobile Club had scheduled for yesterday. John P. Coghlin, president of the Worcester Automobile Club, issued the following announcement concerning the run:

"We regret to announce that it seems undesirable to have our endurance run on Friday, the 17th. The manufacturers and dealers are short of cars and are extremely busy for next year's sales. There will be a meeting of the officers next Saturday, and unless they see fit to take other action the run will be declared off."

The members of the Automobile Club of New Rochelle subscribed \$4,000 as the first payment on the new clubhouse at the annual meeting of the organization this week. The new headquarters will cost \$25,000. The officers of the club have succeeded in having the police commissioners of New Rochelle order that all motorcycle policemen wear their uniforms while on duty. W. B. Ogden, Jr., was elected secretary of the club for the ensuing year. Edmund Eckert is the new first vice-president, F. D. Le Conte is treasurer and F. M. Carpenter is secretary.

The bureau of tours of the Automobile Club of America has advised members of the organization that the speed regulations are being strictly enforced at Irvington-on-Hudson, on Broadway near Church, and at Scarborough, Westchester county. The bureau has published the following notice in the Club Journal:

"There has just been formally opened in The Bronx a great driveway, running from 181st street, about the latitude of the intersection